Quiz 15 – Chapter 11 – The Judicial Branch  
  
1. When was the first female justice elected to the Supreme Court?​

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|  | a. | ​1991 |
|  | b. | ​1876 |
|  | c. | ​1925 |
|  | d. | ​2001 |

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2. ​Disputes concerning business contracts, divorce, family matters, and personal injury involve

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|  | a. | ​civil law. |
|  | b. | ​criminal law. |
|  | c. | ​natural law. |
|  | d. | ​civil felonies. |

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3. ​The term *misdemeanor* refers to a

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|  | a. | crime less serious than a felony.​ |
|  | b. | crime more serious than a felony.​ |
|  | c. | ​matter of juvenile law. |
|  | d. | ​matter of civil law. |

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4. Law made by legislative bodies is called

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|  | a. | statutory law. |
|  | b. | common law. |
|  | c. | constitutional law. |
|  | d. | prerogative law. |

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5. A collection of laws relating to the same subject and presented in an organized manner is called a(n)

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|  | a. | code. |
|  | b. | ordinance. |
|  | c. | statute. |
|  | d. | jurisprudence. |

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6. A court that has specific authority to decide a particular type of case has

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|  | a. | concurrent jurisdiction. |
|  | b. | exclusive jurisdiction. |
|  | c. | civil jurisdiction. |
|  | d. | original jurisdiction. |

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7. A party to a civil case who was dissatisfied with the outcome in the trial court could next proceed to a court with

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|  | a. | original jurisdiction. |
|  | b. | appellate jurisdiction. |
|  | c. | ultimate jurisdiction. |
|  | d. | geographic jurisdiction. |

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8. Which one of the following courts is *not* mentioned in the Texas Constitution?

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|  | a. | Municipal courts |
|  | b. | Justice of the peace courts |
|  | c. | County courts |
|  | d. | District courts |

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9. ​Which court does not require the judge to be lawyer?

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|  | a. | ​County court-at-law |
|  | b. | District court |
|  | c. | ​Justice of the peace |
|  | d. | ​Court of Criminal Appeals |

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10. The term *court of record* means that

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|  | a. | ​cases may not be appealed from these courts. |
|  | b. | ​the decisions of the judges are recorded and published. |
|  | c. | ​a written or electronic record is made of the proceedings. |
|  | d. | ​proceedings may be audiotaped or videotaped for public release. |

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11. Justice of the peace in the Texas have ​jurisdiction over all of the following, *except*

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|  | a. | ​divorces. |
|  | b. | ​small claims. |
|  | c. | ​evictions. |
|  | d. | ​traffic violations. |

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12. The duty of a coroner’s office in Texas is to

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|  | a. | enforce the orders of a court. |
|  | b. | determine the cause of death in certain circumstances. |
|  | c. | perform autopsies on the bodies of all deceased persons. |
|  | d. | make the official pronouncement of death at an execution. |

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13. State district courts with general jurisdiction would be able to hear and decide all of the following cases, *except​*

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|  | a. | ​a divorce in which Mr. and Mrs. Smith are suing each other for divorce. |
|  | b. | ​a contested will in which Tom Jones argues that his deceased mother’s intended for him to inherit his father’s diamond Rolex watch. |
|  | c. | ​a dispute over who owns a piece of real estate. |
|  | d. | ​a dispute over $150 in wages. |

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14. Which of the following courts mainly exercises original jurisdiction?

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|  | a. | State district courts |
|  | b. | Texas Supreme Court |
|  | c. | State Courts of Appeals |
|  | d. | Texas Court of Criminal Appeals |

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15. The First Court of Appeals in Houston has a chief justice and eight justices.  How many of them are required to hear an appeal?​

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|  | a. | ​Three |
|  | b. | ​Five |
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|  | d. | ​Nine |

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16. Which level of courts are constitutionally bifurcated in Texas?​

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|  | a. | ​Highest level appellate courts |
|  | b. | ​Intermediate appellate courts |
|  | c. | ​State trial courts |
|  | d. | ​Local trial courts |

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17. The type of case appealed directly to the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals is that of a

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|  | a. | first-degree felony conviction. |
|  | b. | state jail (fourth-degree) felony conviction. |
|  | c. | capital felony conviction with imposed death sentence. |
|  | d. | capital felony conviction, regardless of the length of sentence. |

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18. Which of the following courts does not have criminal jurisdiction?

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|  | a. | County courts |
|  | b. | Texas Supreme Court |
|  | c. | State Courts of Appeals |
|  | d. | Texas Court of Criminal Appeals |

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19. The court with responsibility for formulating the rules of civil procedure is the

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|  | a. | Texas Court of Criminal Appeals. |
|  | b. | U.S. Supreme Court. |
|  | c. | Texas Supreme Court. |
|  | d. | justice of the peace court. |

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20. As of 2014, how many Democrats held statewide office in Texas?​

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|  | a. | Zero |
|  | b. | One |
|  | c. | Three |
|  | d. | Five |

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